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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
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Napier *et al.*)
) Examiner: unassigned
Serial No.: TBA)
) Atty. Docket No. 00487.00001
Filed: May 24, 2000)

For: **DESATURASE GENES AND THEIR USE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment before examining the application referenced above. We believe no fee is due to make this submission timely. If a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

IN THE CLAIMS

4. (Amended) A polypeptide according to [any preceding claim] claim 1, which has at least one histidine box.

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5. (Amended) A polypeptide according to [any preceding claim] claim 1, which has three histidine boxes.

6. (Amended) A polypeptide according to [any preceding claim] claim 1, which is a front end desaturase.

7. (Amended) A polypeptide according to [any preceding claim] claim 1, which is a